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Ciudad Trukillo, D. R.  
November 20, 1945

Dominican Repub.  
Internal

Subject: Changing of name of town of Dajabon,  
Dominican Republic, to Presidente Roosevelt.

I have the honor to inform the Department that President Trujillo, on November 16, 1945, addressed a message to the Dominican Senate recommending that the name of the town, Dajabón, be changed to that of Presidente Roosevelt. Dajabón is located at a point along the northern section of the Dominican-Haitian border. It is the capital of the Province of Libertador and is very close to the Haitian town of Ouanaminthe. The town is in an undeveloped region and conditions in it are very rough. On the 1st of January, 1945, its officially estimated population was 9,197, but it is believed that this estimate is a very generous one.

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*Mr. Hawk, Cassil. Aff. Div., said the name was not changed. This caused somewhat of a diplomatic incident.*

*ADPH - 5/26/47*